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SUBJECT: GOG REPLY TO SYG WALDHEIM'S INQUIRY ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS

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1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, FM BITSIOS COMMENTED ON THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, AT HIS REGULAR WEEKLY PRESS BRIEFING FEBRUARY 1 WITH POLITICAL EDITORS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE GOG REPLY TO UNSYG WALDHEIM'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RESOLUTION 365. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE PRESS, FM BITSIOS AUTHORIZED THE RELEASE OF A COUPLE COPIES OF THE REPLY AND THE TEXT SUBSEQUENTLY APPEARED IN THE GREEK PRESS.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF GOG REPLY, AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS,
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FOLLOW:

--GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS SPARED NO EFFORT IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT UNSC RESOLUTION 365.

--GOG HAS INSISTED THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN CLERIDES AND DENKTASH ON HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS DEVELOP AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE INTO NEGOTIATIONS ON POLITICAL MATTERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF UNGA RESOLUTION 3212.

--GOG HAS NOTED WITH REGRET THAT TURKISH SIDE...HAS ADOPTED IN PRACTICE AN ATTITUDE OF PROCRASTINATION. DENKTASH BEGAN BY PUTTING FORWARD CERTAIN PRECONDITIONS IRRELEVANT TO SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION. FOR EXAMPLE, HE ASKED THAT QUESTION OF GUARANTEES OF FUTURE SETTLEMENT BE AGREED BEFORE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT HAD EVEN BEEN OUTLINED. FINALLY THE TALKS BEGAN ON JANUARY 14, BUT THE TURKISH-CYPRIOI SIDE HAS FAILED TO ADOPT CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE WHICH WOULD ENABLE NEGOTIATIONS TO PROCEED WITH SPEED AND URGENCY WARRANTED BY PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THREE MONTHS AFTER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 3212 THE GOG IS OBLIGED TO ASCERTAIN THAT NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN DIRECTION OF SOLUTION OF POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

--GOG HAS CONSISTENTLY PRESSED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISION OF RESOLUTION 3212 STIPULATING THAT ALL REFUGEES RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN SAFETY. HOWEVER, ALL GOG EFFORTS HAVE BEEN TO NO AVAIL, SINCE TURKISH SIDE HAS REPLIED THAT THIS QUESTION IS POLITICAL AND SHOULD BE RESOLVED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. IT IS HIGHLY DEPLORABLE THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT ACCEDED TO TURKISH DEMAND FOR TRANSPORTING OF TURKISH-CYPRIOI REFUGEES FROM WSBA TO TURKEY, WHICH RAN CONTRARY TO RESOLUTION 3212 WHICH CLEARLY DID NOT INTEND TO SANCTION MASSIVE TRANSFER OF TURKISH-CYPRIOIS TO NORTHERN AREA OF ISLAND STILL OCCUPIED BY TURKISH ARMY AND THEIR SETTLEMENT IN GREEK-OWNED HOUSES AND PROPERTY. THE MOVEMENT OF TURKISH CYPRIOI REFUGEES AIMS AT PREJUDICING BOTH THE POLITICAL AND HUMANITARIAN MATTERS INVOLVED.

--GOG ALSO HAS NOTED WITH REGRET THAT NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN CONNECTION WITH PROVISION OF RESOLUTION 3212 FOR RAPID "WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN ARMED FORCES AND FOREIGN MILITARY PRESENCE AND PERSONNEL FROM REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS." GREEK SIDE, FOR ITS PART, IS READY TO WITHDRAW GREEK MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM THE ISLAND, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROVIDED THE TURKISH SIDE FULLY RECIPROCATES. "IN THIS CONTEXT ONE CANNOT BUT NOTE THE ENORMOUS DISPROPORTION EXISTING BETWEEN TURKISH TROOPS ON THE ISLAND, AMOUNTING TO OVER 35,000 MEN FULLY SUPPORTED BY ARMOUR AND ARTILLERY, AND GREEK MILITARY PERSONNEL OF A FEW HUNDRED OFFICERS AND MEN."

-- "IT IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR, THEREFORE, THAT EFFORTS OF GOG TO IMPLEMENT SC RESOLUTION 365, WHICH CONFIRMED

UNGA RESOLUTION 3212, HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED THUS FAR BY
TURKEY'S NEGATIVE STAND."
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